



2011 MAINE WILDLIFE PARK Summer Wildlife Days
Sponsored by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park
All programs will run from 11am -2pm unless otherwise noted.
www.mainewildlifepark.com



Saturday May 7 A BEAR BONANZA Join us from 11am-2pm to see & learn about black bears, brown bears & even polar bears! Life-size mounts, photo 'opps' with mascots Kennebago Bear & Smokey the Bear, MDIFW bear biologists, local chainsaw artist Tim Picket carving a bear from a 10' pine tree trunk; athletes from the UMaine Black Bears & a variety of special Bear activities for the kids!

Saturday May 14 UMAINE 4-H CAMP AT BRYANT POND: Looking for a great summer camp experience? Come & try 'Geology Rocks!', 'Fire & Forts'; & a 'Wild Things' Scavenger Hunt to get a taste of the fun your kids could have at camp on Lake Christopher in western Maine. www.extension.umaine.edu/bryantpond

Saturday May 21 WIND OVER WINGS Join this new-to-Maine nonprofit raptor education center to see & learn more about our feathered predators. Live birds featured will include an Eastern Screech-Owl, a Peregrine Falcon (fastest animal on earth), a Red-tailed Hawk & a Great Horned Owl - who will amaze you with her ability to flap her wings silently. All birds are ambassadors for their species, overcoming serious injuries to lead them into their lives in education. www.windoverwings.org

Sat-Mon. May 28-30 FRIENDS OF THE MAINE WILDLIFE PARK ANNUAL PLANT SALE: The Friends volunteer group helps out the wildlife park in so many ways; learn more about their ongoing projects & enjoy great bargains on spring plants with annual & perennial flowers, vegetables & floral baskets grown in their own greenhouse! Plants will be available all day each day. www.friendsofmainewildlifepark.com

Saturday, June 4 THE ANCIENT ONES This group, in full period dress, will set up a real Living History Camp from the late 1700s - 1800s They will put up a canvas tent & have demonstrations going on all day long, including fire starting, cooking, trading, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping, flintlock muskets, weaving, & the like. Come to see what day to day life really looked like 200 years ago! www.theancientonesofmaine.com

Saturday June 11 BIODIVERSITY INSTITUTE: 'BRI' is a leader in creative, interactive education & works to personalize wildlife issues among students, educators, scientists & the public. By harnessing the power of state-of-the-art technology, people are connected to wildlife & ecological science through the use of BRI webcams, with 24hr live-streaming video of nesting eagles, loons, osprey & peregrine falcons. www.briloon.org

Saturday June 18 FLY TYING & FLY CASTING WITH TROUT UNLIMITED Sebago Trout Unlimited (TU) Chapter members will be on hand to teach these popular fishing techniques. Learn to cast, then tie a fly, then bring it home to try on your next fishing trip- you may get 'hooked'! www.sebagotu.org

Saturday June 25 TWO: HIGH ENERGY JUGGLING: 11AM SHOW TIMECombining skills in juggling, contortion, acrobatics & choreography, Maine natives & brothers Matthew & Jason demonstrate team work, creativity, goal-setting, perseverance & patience. They teach children the importance of setting goals & to reach for the stars! TWO has amazed audiences across the country; & has been described as "juggling meets the X-Games!" www.twoshow.com *Sponsored by: US & Co. Computers and Gray Physical Therapy*

PESKY PESTS: TICKS &LYME DISEASE/ASIAN LONGHORN BEETLES The Maine Medical Center Research Institute will have lots of information about tick & control of tick-borne diseases like Lyme Disease. Learn how to identify the different types of ticks found in Maine, & get tips on prevention & basic information on the disease itself. What do Asian Long horned Beetles look like? Be on the lookout - they attack & kill healthy hardwood trees & a huge effort is being made to keep them OUT of Maine! www.mmcri.org/lyme/meticks www.albmaine.org

Saturday July 2-10 THE FINAL CHARGE, a massive, museum quality display showing two huge Bull Moose with locked antlers, created by taxidermist Mark Dufresne of Nature's ReflectionsTaxidermy in Gray. Most often exhibited at the L.L. Bean flagship store in Freeport, this amazing display is on loan to us for our visitors to view & photograph up close! www.lbean.com

Saturday July 9 CHAINSAW WILDLIFE ARTISTS Join **Maine Custom Wood Sculpture's Bill Fournier** as he uses a chain saw to create eagles, bears & more. Watch a block of wood become a work of art. **Also see Ron Carlson** whose lifelong chainsaw carving hobby became a business; now thousands of pieces later, Ron specializes in carving bears & will have a variety of carvings on exhibit & for sale. Bring your cameras & your earplugs!

Saturday July 16 ALL ABOUT OWLS NIGHT VISIT WITH THE LIVE OWLS OF CHEWONKI: Join the owls & educators of Chewonki for a great night-time owling opportunity. Several live owls will be the stars of 2 short education programs; while the park's 4 owl species can be viewed in their normal habitats. Other 'owly' exhibits & displays will be set up around the park. **7:30-9:30pm** Regular admission fees. *(Call office FMI 657-4977 if raining) The Nature Store & Snack Shack will be open for snacks & souvenirs!* www.chewonki.org

Saturday July 23 ATV MAINE: was organized to promote the safe & responsible use of ATVs, to work on landowner relations, & to be a unified voice on legislative issues regarding ATVs. Maine has been rated #1 nationally for its ATV trail system; & ATV Maine is a clearing house of information from local clubs statewide. Check out their exhibit, some ATVs, & find out how you can become a member of a local club. www.atvmaine.org

Saturday July 30 TRAILS END & AVIAN TAXIDERMY: Taxidermy is a method of reproducing a life-like, 3-dimensional rendition of a mammal, bird or fish for permanent display. Come & see a variety of examples of this delicate art with local taxidermists Dana Soucier & Tom Berube representing the Maine Association of Taxidermists. Dana will demonstrate the process of mounting a mammal & Tom will demonstrate how to mount waterfowl, both from start to finish. www.trailsendtaxidermystudio.com

Saturday Aug. 6 MAINE GUIDES ASSOCIATION is made up of professionals dedicated to promoting a quality, ethical & legal outdoor experience for all. Guides Licenses are issued in the categories of Hunting, Fishing, Recreation, Sea Kayaking & Whitewater Rafting. Come to learn why you'll want to hire a registered Maine Guide for your next outdoor adventure! www.maine-guides.org

Sat/Sun. Aug. 13-14 NATIVE AMERICAN POW WOW - HONOR THE ANIMALS! Representatives of several Maine & New England tribes will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers & traditional food booths. Special events will be presented throughout each day. Grand Entry both Saturday & Sunday at 12 noon. This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about Maine's Native American culture & heritage. *(All day, rain or shine).* *Sponsored by: local businesses*

Saturday Aug. 20 MAINE BOW ASSOCIATION YOUTH ARCHERY: Join Jerome & Tina Richards, certified Firearm, Bow & Crossbow Hunter Safety Instructors, for some hands-on fun with archery! The Richards will provide instruction, set up archery targets, & have a variety of bows for you to try out. This is great way for you & your kids to try your hands at an increasingly popular sport. www.mainebowhunters.org

Saturday Aug. 27 LIFE OF THE HONEY BEE: Learn about the industrious life of the honey bee, & the role of the beekeeper. Parts of the bee hive & beekeeping equipment will be on display, & experienced beekeepers will be available to answer your questions. A variety of delicious native Maine honey & other natural products from the hive will be on sale. www.mainebeekeepers.org

Saturday Sept. 3 LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE WITH SKILLIN'S GREENHOUSES: Expert native landscaping staff will be on hand with a wide selection of native shrubs, small trees & other plants that are hardy & attractive, while providing food & shelter for our birds & wildlife. Fall is a great time to plant, & these quality plants are on sale & ready to install into your yard or landscape. www.skillins.com

Saturday Sept. 10 RICK CHARETTE CONCERT! As a singer & songwriter, Rick Charette has been capturing the hearts & spirits of young & old alike with his delightful & inspiring children's songs. His performances blend original contemporary pop music & lyrics with imaginative activities that generate all kinds of audience participation. Many songs performed will be about Maine's wild animals! Rick will sign autographs & sell CDs after the show. *Concert Show Time is 11am-12noon rain or shine:* www.pinepoint.com/rick *Sponsored by: Harvest Hill Farms & other local businesses*

Sunday Sept. 11 NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY: National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day, & was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Free admission for Grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren; regular entrance fees for all other family members.

Saturday Sept. 24 WILD ABOUT WHITE-TAILS: Celebrate National Hunting & Fishing Day with MDIFW biologists & presenters to learn all about Maine White-tailed Deer. See how biologists collect deer data, join noted Maine white-tail expert R.G. Bernier for a deer hunting seminar; watch local taxidermist Dana Soucier mount a deer head, see the Warden Service 'Wall of Shame' & the kids can participate in a variety of deer-related activities. www.nhfd.org www.bigwhitetail.com

Friday & Saturday Nights!! October 21 & 22 HALLOWEENFEST: 6:00-9:00PM Celebrate Halloween in 2 nights of fun with the Park's native wildlife! Get into the spooky spirit! Special Halloween Displays! Haunted Hay Rides! Wear your costumes! Games, Contests, Huge Door Prizes & more! Regular Admission Fees. *(Call office FMI 657-4977 if raining) The Nature Store and Snack Shack will be open for spooky snacks & souvenirs!*

Friday Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY/CLOSING DAY FOR THE PARK: Free admission for U.S. Military personnel, Veterans & their immediate family members on our last day of the season.

Our picnic shelters and Outdoor Classroom may be reserved for parties, special occasions, family gatherings and more! School wildlife programs and tours are available. Consider volunteering at the wildlife park. There are opportunities for gatehouse attendants, tour guides, gardeners and store clerks in the snack shack and nature store. FMI, please call 207-657-4977 x 0

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